chronic and acute form. No differentiation is made between chronic patients and other patients and this leads to bad results. Government should therefore sell the present site of the building and if this is done, they would be able to realise the same price as they were able to get in the case of sites of the Mysore Bank. This arrangement would not involve any loss to the Government and would enable them to finance the construction of a new building. The construction of a new building should be on the model of hospitals built in other parts of India.

My second request is about the change of the name of the hospital. This question should engage the attention of the Government at once and there should be no delay. There are many patients suffering from mental disorder but who do not seek admission into this hospital. Their guardians do not like to send their patients to this hospital, the main reason being that the mere name "Lunatic Asylum" creates a bad and wrong impression in their minds and it is therefore requested that Government should change the name of the hospital into "Mental Diseases Hospital". This would remove bad notions entertained by the lay public. Recently, in Madras, Government have changed the name of the hospital and this does not involve any expenditure to the Government. They should therefore do this first and without any delay.

Dewan.—Let us first have a new building and then we may think of the name. The question of a new building involves heavy expenditure. The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 195.

Abolition of fees in Collegiate High Schools.

Messrs. K. Suryanarayana Rao, Tumkur District Board; Jawali Hutchappa, Tyamagondlu Municipality, D.S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk; Bindumadhavachar, Kankanhalli Municipality; Narasimhaya, Sira Taluk; and B. Ananthalakshminaranappa, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Fees may be abolished in Collegiate High Schools, and in all classes up to that standard. At least, students from places where no such schools exist may be made free.

Note.—Discussed with General Subject No. 103.

SUBJECT NO. 196.

Court fees on suits by Co-operative Societies.

Mr. Thontarya, Devanhalli Taluk.

Mr. Thontarya.—Many members have taken loans from Co-operative Societies to avoid the payment of the registration, court and stamp fees, etc. Government have now ordered the levy of full fees on suits by Co-operative Societies. This policy is against the best interests of the Co-operative movement. In the case of suits by Co-operative Societies, which are not contested and if the party agrees to the liability, Government should frame rules for the refund of half the institution fee as in the case of Civil Courts. Unless this system is adopted, the object of the Co-operative movement will not have been fulfilled. It is not right and fair to the movement that the party should be asked to bear the fee in such cases.

Another Member.—The present rules are quite reasonable and fair.

Another Member.—This subject was discussed once in the Assembly. It was also discussed in the Co-operative Conference and a resolution was moved to the effect that fees should not be levied on suits by Co-operative Societies. By levying the full fees, Government do not show any concession to the Co-operative movement. It is therefore requested that the rules for the refund of half the institution fee in cases disposed of without contest may be introduced as in Civil Court.

Mr. C. Subba Rao.—In uncontested cases, the Civil Courts refund half the institution fee and if no refund of institution fee is granted in Co-operative suits, no concession will have been shown in the interests of the Co-operative movement. It is therefore necessary to allow a refund in such cases.

Dewan.—We will order the refund accordingly.

SUBJECT NO. 197.

Funds of the District Boards should not be appropriated by Government without the consent of the Boards.

Messrs. C. Subba Rao, A. Ananthiah, Shimoga Taluk; C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board and B. N. Raghaviah, Shimoga Municipality.

Mr. C. Subba Rao.—Government assign certain revenues to the District Board in each year. Under the Local Self-Government Scheme, the whole responsibility for the expenditure and proper utilisation of this revenue is left to the District Board. Though this has been the rule, when the District Board sends its budget to Government, the Government change the figures under the several heads and insert higher figures and ask the Board to provide funds in accordance with the instructions issued by them. For instance, when the District Board of Shimoga sent their Budget this year, they proposed an allotment of Rs. 15,000 for educational buildings, but Government in sanctioning the budget peremptorily ordered them to pay Rs. 30,000 this year for this purpose. Again, Government have also inserted in the Budget an expenditure of Rs. 20,000 under the head, 'Railways'. Probably this must be for the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway. How can all this expenditure be met when the finances of the Board do not admit of it, but we are asked to carry out orders. All this has been done without consulting the District Board. The Local Self-Government Scheme has been introduced and the District Board has been given higher powers, but Government exercise those powers and do things without ascertaining Board's views and in certain cases, they ask the Board merely to carry out their orders implicitly. It does not seem to be open to Government to take away the revenues assigned to the Board without consulting it. If such action is taken by Government, the resolutions of the District Boards will have been ignored and the principles of Local Self-Government will have been upset. It is therefore requested that the funds of the District Boards should not be appropriated by Government without the consent of the Boards.

Another Member.—We did not provide any sum in the Kadur District Fund Budget for educational buildings but Government have ordered that we must pay Rs. 15,000 for such buildings.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah.—Government can assign revenues to the District Boards, but when once they are assigned, Government have got no right to take them away from the District Boards without their consent. The Local Boards Regulation and the Local Self-Government Scheme fully support this view.